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Civilian Furlough Notifications

1. On May 14, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced the Department of Defense's decision to implement up to 11 days of unpaid leave for our civilian employees under a civilian furlough. We will take all prudent measures to minimize the impact on our civilian employees and their Families.
2. Over the next few weeks almost all USFK civilian employees will receive a furlough proposal notice. Following receipt, each civilian must reply as directed in the notice. This will allow leaders to accommodate requests for preferred furlough days and other circumstances. During the month of June, individual employees will receive decision letters and furloughs will begin no earlier than July 8.
3. All of our civilian employees are important, and the Secretary has stated he prefers not to furlough any of our employees. I know this furlough will greatly affect your lives. I want to personally thank you for your sacrifice and daily efforts to make our mission a success.
4. Despite the manning challenge this creates on the Korean Peninsula, we remain committed to deterring aggression and defending the Republic of Korea. Through decades of exchange, training, and collaboration we have helped build capabilities that collectively enhance the future security and stability of the region. Our civilians provide invaluable support to regional security, to our nation's war fighters, and to our Families. You remain a critical part of our workforce and we are grateful for your countless contributions.
5. I encourage you to visit the USFK website for more information and updates.
<http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/hot-topic.sequestration.and.furlough.information.647>

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